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Re: Intrawest Rodeo Grounds Specific Plan
SCH # 2004042063

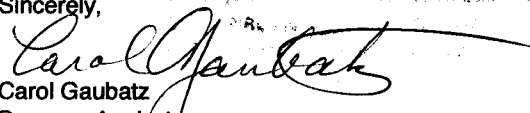
To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced Notice of Preparation. The Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File for the project area, which failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. However, the absence of specific site information in the Sacred Lands File does not guarantee the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites. To adequately assess the specific related impact on cultural resources, the Commission recommends the following action be required:

- ☐ Contact the appropriate California Historic Resources Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
 - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ☐ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
- ☐ The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ☐ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5 (e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

I am enclosing a list of appropriate Native American individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend other with specific knowledge. A minimum of two weeks must be allowed for responses after notification. If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information.

Sincerely,


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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed Intrust Rodeo Grounds Specific Plan, SCH # 2004042063, Mono County.